Inter-State road proposals from Rajasthan

†2673. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) wehther it is a fact that six proposals of Rs. 18.74 crores relating to Inter-State roads of Rajasthan are pending with Government;

(b) whether five estimates regarding Inter-State roads are pending with Government for technical and financial approval;

(c) whether Government have yet to release an outstanding amount of Rs. 3.18 crore as per the demand of the State Government of Rajasthan;

(d) if so, by when these proposals would be approved, the estimates sanctioned and the outstanding amount released by Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No, Sir. A list of 12 proposals amounting to Rs. 28.85 crore have been received in the Ministry for 'in principle' approval under Inter State Connectivity (ISC) Scheme for the year 2006-07. Out of these, only six proposals amounting to Rs. 15.08 crore could be agreed 'in principle' for the year 2006-07, keeping in view *inter-se*-priority of works and availability of funds.

(b) No, Sir. Three estimates have been sanctioned and two estimates have been returned for modification.

(c) No, Sir. During the year 2006-07, Rs. 6.67 crore has been relesed depending upon the progress of the sanctioned works.

(d) At present no estimate/release is pending in the Ministry.

(e) Does not arise.

Inland Water Transport in AP

2674. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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